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#### **OILERS BATTLE BRUINS**

The Boston Bruins' Gregory Campbell and the Oilers' Andrew Ference battle for the puck during first-period action in Edmonton on Thursday. For the result and coverage of the game go to metronews.ca. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Taxpayers footing most of the bill for city attractions

#### Heavily subsidized.

Funding of public facilities costly but necessary: City officials



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Taxpayers are paying more than visitors to city attractions, according to new numbers released during the budget process

Each visitor to the Muttart Conservatory cost the city \$17.56 in 2012, while that same visitor is paying a maximum of \$12 in admission. The Edmonton Valley Zoo and the John Janzen Nature Centre share operating costs and the subsidy for those two facilities is \$10.30 per visitor. The highest admission price for the zoo is \$9.50.

Local recreation centres cost the city \$3.17 per visitor, arenas cost the city \$2.07 per person and the city's golf course return a profit to the city of \$2.96.

Rob Smyth, the city's branch manager of community and recreation facilities, said both facilities are constantly looking for ways to improve their operations and attract more visitors, but they are important local institutions.

"That's why governments are involved in these businesses, quite frankly. If we didn't have the public sector involved in these kinds of things we wouldn't have them," he said.

#### Well worth it?

"The city subsidizes a lot of these things, they are important for vibrancy, quality of life." COUR. SCOTT MCKEEN

Smyth said while the numbers for 2013 aren't in yet, that subsidy could be lower in 2012. He said the Muttart had one of its best years ever in 2013.

"We're thinking we're going to have 20 per cent growth from 2012 to 2013," he said.

Coun. Scott McKeen, who asked about subsidy rates during the budget process, said he wasn't trying to insinuate that the facilities aren't important for the city.

"The city subsidizes a lot of these things, they are important for vibrancy, quality of life,"

McKeen said the Muttart is a real gem for a city like Edmonton with such a cold climate.

"The Muttart is the most fabulous facility to have in a winter city. We who must endure these months never get to smell anything that's growing," he said. "That alone is worth the price of subsidy."

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#### Lawsuit

#### **Union sues** province over wage law

Alberta's largest public sector union has filed a lawsuit against Premier Alison Redford's government over a new law that imposes a contract on union members

The Alberta Union of Provincial Employees claims that the law violates the charter rights of workers to act collectively and also breaches their rights to liberty and security.

"The deprivations of liberty and security of the person caused by Bill 46 are not in accordance with the principles of fundamental justice, reads the statement of claim filed in Court of Queen's Bench Thursday.

The allegations in the statement of claim have not been proven in court.

The lawsuit does not sue for a specific dollar amount, but asks a judge to reinstate the union's right to binding arbitration and to make the province reimburse workers for wages the union believes they would lose under the imposed deal.

The imposed four-year contract kicks in at the end of January unless the province and the union reach an agreement.

It would freeze wages in the first two years and give one per cent increases in each of the following two years.

Redford has said the law is necessary to ensure that public sector wages stay in line with wage restraints faced by teachers and physicians. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Goalie Kurtis Mucha of the University of Alberta Golden Bears got a chance to practice with the Boston Bruins on Wednesday after their starting goaltender

# Golden Bear tries on Bruins gold for a day

Called up. University goaltender practices with big league club



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The University of Alberta Golden Bears' goalie took on a bear of a different colour this week, when he suited up with the NHL's Boston Bruins for a practice.

Kurtis Mucha said the call

to play in the Bruins practice on Wednesday came entirely out of the blue.

"I was sitting on my couch in Sherwood Park, just doing some last-minute studying for my exam that day and I got the call," he said.

Mucha's exam was graciously postponed and he was able to take to the ice with the Bruins right away. The Bruins regular starting goaltender Tuuka Rask became ill with the flu on Wednesday and the team needed the extra body for a

full practice.

Mucha said playing with the Bruins was a very unique experience.

"It is one of the best teams in NHL, so you are facing the best players in the world in hockey," he said.

Mucha said it was definitely tough competition, but he believes he handled the pressure pretty well.

"I think I did not too bad. I am a little rusty, because I haven't skated for a couple of weeks," he said.

He said the power of the player's shots was not that

different than what he has faced playing as a Golden Bear, but they were much more skilled.

"It was more the accuracy; where they want to shoot it they are going to put it there," he said.

Boston Bruins coach Claude Julien was unavailable to speak Thursday, but speaking with reporters Wednesday he said Mucha had really helped them in a tough spot.

It made our practice a lot better than it would have been with just one goalie."

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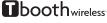
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# **#yeg makes big** splash in 2013

Twitter. Hashtag in over 1 million tweets



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Edmonton's Twitter hashtag #yeg was used more than a million times this year, making it the second most popular in Canada, according to new results from the company.

Kirstine Stewart, managing director of Twitter Canada, said the trending indicator is a demonstration of what people are talking about on the social media service.

"Trending means there's a push of conversations that's happening around a certain

#### Trending

The only topic ahead of #yeg was #Cdnpoli, which is connected to Canadian politics, behind it in the top five were #music, #nowplaying and #Canada. Edmonton's hashtag is the short form of Edmonton International Airport's code for passenger flights, a model that is used for airports in other Canadian cities.

subject that's measurable," she said.

Stewart said the trending topic shows Edmontonians know how to use Twitter and coalesce around certain topics.

"It's great that #yeg is up there at number two and I think the fact that it's the only city up there in Canada is a real testament to the fact Edmontonians are very good at collecting around their community," she said.

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Stewart said they saw spikes of Edmonton's hashtag usage around a hailstorm in June, a water main break in February and the fall election, proving the service is now firmly linked to breaking news.

"You can see the spikes,' she said.

Stewart said the company tracks how people are using Twitter so they make sure to give people what they need.

"It's important for us to be able to see where those conversations are leading so we can develop technology,"

#### Free admission

#### Temporary rink opened while crews repair Hawrelak Lake

A temporary skating rink at William Hawrelak Park opened on Dec. 13, while the city completes repairs on the lake.

The rink will be open daily between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. Admission is free. Construction on Hawrelak Lake is expected to be finished by January.

LEAH GERMAIN/METRO

# Redford gov't. Premier's reshuffled cabinet to be sworn in on Friday

Members of Premier Alison Redford's reshuffled cabinet are to be sworn in Friday in a ceremony at Government House.

The swearing-in will take place a week after Redford announced changes that included dumping deputy premier Thomas Lukaszuk.

The ceremony was delayed after Redford was invited to join the Canadian delegation to South Africa for a memorial service for Nelson Mandela.

Redford shuffled more than half her ministers.

She also added more associate ministers, bringing the total number in cabinet to 30.

That figure is more than half the entire Progressive Conservative caucus.

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#### Tough luck. Rental space hard to come by in Edmonton

The rental market is getting smaller in Edmonton, with fewer rental options currently available compared to last year, according to a recent Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) report released Thursday.

Edmonton had the second lowest rental vacancy rates in the country this past October, with an overall 1.4 per cent vacancy rate, down from last year's 1.7 per cent vacancy figures. Calgary leads with a one per cent vacancy rating.

Housing officials said a growing employment rate and migration to Alberta's capital city all account for the shrinking rental market.

"When these people are moving into Edmon-

ton, they're bringing with them a demand for housing which is why we're seeing higher demand on the rental market," said Christina Butchart, senior market analyst for CMHC.

Despite Edmonton's changing rental market, University of Alberta student housing officials said there has always been a constant demand for hous-

ing near the university cam-

"Our particular demand for student housing has never been affected by the city's vacancy rate even in times there was a lot of vacancies in the city. Demand has been very, very high," said Doug Dawson, executive director of ancillary services with the university.



# From rent payments to a mortgage

Real estate. As vacancy rates continue to drop, Edmontonians are considering purchasing a home over renting

Edmontonian Lindsay Fitcher opted for a mortgage instead of monthly rent payments.

"Right now, to rent and buy it is basically the same thing," said Fitcher, who recently inked a deal to purchase a new home and will be paying less in mortgage than she was in rent.

Local real-estate marketing expert Sara MacLennan explained that, like Fitcher, people are looking to buy as the city's average price of rent continues to rise and the vacancy rate continues to decrease.

"Mortgage rates are historically low, although they are higher than they were at the beginning of the year. There is a high demand for homes in Edmonton," she explained.

MacLennan said while the demand is there, homebuyers are being more conscious when purchasing a property than during the 2007 boom.

"If the right house comes

Buying in

"Mortgage rates are historically low, although they are higher than they were at the beginning of the year. There is a high demand for homes in Edmonton."

Sara MacLennan, real estate marketing

on the market, then they will jump. They aren't buying something for the sake of buying something," she said.

The city's chief economist John Rose said, thanks to significant population growth over the last several years, the availability for vacant properties is at an all-time low

"Typically, when people move into an area their initial initiative is to move into rental property," he explained

"That obviously is having upward pressure on rent," Rose added, noting rents in the city have been increasing by roughly five per cent each year. "On the other side of the market place, the housing market, price increases have been very modest."

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# Helping in the Philippines

Haiyan. Local healthcare workers return after treating victims of massive typhoon

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Edmonton doctor Rashad Chin said he was both tired and cold when he returned to Canada Dec. 9 after spending just over three weeks in the Philippines, but incredibly proud of what he had accomplished.

Chin was one member of a Canadian Medical Assistance Team sent to the Leyte region to treat victims of Typhoon Haiyan — the natural disaster that left close to 6,000 dead.

Based in Ormoc City, the team worked at a temporary field hospital along with a mobile clinic that travelled to remote areas around Ormoc with no access to medical services.

"I've developed a bit of a passion for it," Chin said about his work with CMAT. "I certainly enjoy what I do, working as a physician and helping people and that extends to helping people who are suffering from

670,000

displaced. The Philippine Department of Social Welfare and Development estimates 11.3 million people are affected by Typhoon Haiyan

a huge devastation."

Chin, who has also travelled with CMAT to Haiti and Pakistan, said that there are always things to learn from experiences abroad.

"Everybody has their own health needs and their own disaster in a way when it comes to an episode," he said.

Teresa Berdusco, a registered nurse who traveled with CMAT to the Philippines, said the team did their best to triage in the field with little medical equipment.

"We used our brains and experience," she explained. "We rely so much on equipment (in Canada), where there we relied on intuition and gut and what you can see."

Chin and Berdusco were part of a 14-member team that left for the Philippines on





# Charges upgraded against speeder with kids in back seat

Having two children in the back of a car while travelling at 163 km/h has led to upgraded charges against a 30-year-old

Edmonton Police reviewed the incident from October, when they pulled over a driver who was driving erratically on Anthony Henday Drive near 87

Constable Dean Shwaga said it was the first time in his career he's seen young children in this case eight and nine in the back of a speeding car. "It was a shock," he said.

At the time, the driver was charged with speeding and other traffic offences, but after reviewing the case with Crown prosecutors they felt it warranted an upgrade to charges of dangerous driving.

"To have children in a vehicle that could be subjected to a crash is definitely disconcerting," said Shwaga.

Police have charged the driver with two counts of causintervention under the Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act.

Shwaga said speeding on its own is not usually enough for police to lay dangerous driving charges, but when there are added risk factors they will take the step. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO





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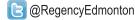
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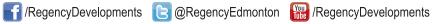
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# A virtual (bike) path to recovery

#### Video games.

Technology is helping rehabilitation patients



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Mario Kart and an exercise cycle are now being used by rehab patients as part of their recovery process at the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital.

Eva Elder, 12, has been using the Nintendo video game, part of the Wii game console that is attached to a stationary bike, to strengthen her left leg after surgery. Elder was born with mild cerebral palsy.

"It's riding a bike and playing a game at the same time so it's more fun than just going out and riding a bike," she said.

Patients control the character in the video game by peda-

ling and steering a small steering wheel attached to the bike.

The Virtual Bike was put together by NAIT students and is being used at the hospital by youth with cerebral palsy and brain injuries.

Adult and geriatric patients will soon start using the bike as well.

"We have allowed the patient to, through their pedaling — which is their exercise and their therapy — control the game," said Vickie Buttar, rehabilitation technology leader at the Glenrose.

The hospital will also receive new playground and exercise areas by summer 2015 thanks to a \$600,000 donation from Unite Here local 47.

The playground will allow younger patients to play, which hospital officials say leads to further rehabilitation.

"I really strive to have our families to understand that play is therapy, it's just how you structure that," said Dr. Lyn Sonnenberg, a neurodevelopmental pediatrician.

Wider space in the playground as well as sensory elements such as music will be added to accommodate a wide variety of patients.

#### Bike background

It took eight months of design work for NAIT Bachelor of Technology students to build the bike.

• Coming up. NAIT students will design custom games

for the Virtual Bike next

Funding. The hospital funded about \$2,000 in the creation of the Virtual Bike.

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## Putin defends conservative values

State-of-the-nation address. Russian leader also warned those abroad seeking a military edge over the country

On Thursday, president Vladimir Putin cast Russia as a defender of conservative values against the "genderless and infertile" Western tolerance that he said equates good and evil.

Putin's state-of-the-nation address also contained a strong warning to those abroad who he claimed were seeking a military edge over Russia — a clear nod at the U.S. effort to develop long-range non-nuclear weapons that Russia sees as a threat to its nuclear deterrent.

The president also announced a sweeping crack-

down on Russian offshore companies to bring billions of dollars home. Putin's 70-minute speech marked a determined effort to burnish Russia's image that has been dented by Western criticism of an anti-gay law which has stoked calls for a boycott of the Winter Olympics in Sochi, Putin's pet project.

"Many countries today are reviewing moral norms and erasing national traditions and

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distinctions between nationalities and cultures," Putin said.

"The society is now required to demonstrate not only the sensible recognition of everyone's right to freedom of conscience, political outlook and private life, but also the mandatory recognition of the equivalence of good and evil, no matter how odd that may seem."

Russia has insisted that a law banning "propaganda of non-traditional relations" does not discriminate against gays, but gay-rights groups say it has given a green light to harassment and intimidation.

Without directly referring to the anti-gay law, Putin focused on upholding traditional family values, which he said were the foundation of Russia's greatness against "so-called tolerance - genderless and infertile." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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"matryoshka" dolls of seven high-profile British gay men are the tools of a new campaign to highlight homophobic laws in Russia. Seven sets of models depicting British celebrities Elton John, Stephen Fry, George Michael, Graham Norton and Tom Daley will be auctioned off, with the proceeds going to LGBT charity The Kaleidoscope Trust, says Liam Fay-Fright of Mother London, the agency that designed them.

#### What sort of impact are you hoping for?

We want to raise at least US\$10,000 for the Trust battling against homophobia.

Are you hoping to create a diplomatic incident?

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people will want them as

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Was it difficult to choose what

Yes, there was a lot of com-

I hope it causes a diplomatic discussion that raises awareness of the situation, leading to political pressure that encourages the government to reconsider their attitude.

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India

#### Minister won't abandon legalizing homosexuality

India's law minister said Thursday that the government has not abandoned efforts to make homosexuality legal, saying the country must take swift action to challenge a Supreme Court decision banning same-sex relations. The minister, Kapil Sibal, said he was for decriminalizing homosexuality.

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#### Equal benefits for gay couples that can't marry

Europe's highest court has ruled that in EU countries where gay couples can't marry, they must get the same benefits as married people if they enter into civil partnerships. The EU Court of Justice ruled Thursday in the case of Frederic Hay, a gay French bank worker who was denied benefits given to married employees. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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#### **Rob Ford. Reporter** serves mayor libel notice

Mayor Rob Ford was slapped with a libel notice late Thursday for televised comments he made about a reporter, who said the remarks amounted to an accusation of pedophilia.

Toronto Star reporter Daniel Dale would not comment on his suit that also names Vision TV, which aired the Ford interview, saying an article he wrote for his newspaper would have to stand.

"Enough is enough. I can't tolerate it. I won't tolerate it," Dale wrote.

"I'm asking Ford to immediately retract the false insinuation that I am a pedophile. I am also serving Vision TV, which twice broadcast Ford's vile and defamatory remarks ... even though their interview was filmed days before it aired."

The notice also calls for Vision TV to apologize.

Ford said a day after the interview that he stood by 'every word."

He left city hall Thursday evening without saying anything. THE CANADIAN PRESS



# Kim Jong-un's uncle executed by N. Korea

**Pyongyang.** News report calls him 'a traitor to the nation' and 'worse than a dog'

North Korea on Friday announced the execution of Kim Jong-un's uncle, calling the leader's former mentor a traitor who tried to overthrow the state.

The announcement came only days after Pyongyang announced through state media that Jang Song Thaek - long considered the country's No. 2 power - had been removed from all his posts because of allegations of corruption, drug use, gambling, woman-izing and leading a "dissolute and depraved life.

The state news agency KCNA said a tribunal examined Jang's crimes, including "attempting to overthrow the

state by all sorts of intrigues and despicable methods with a wild ambition to grab the supreme power of our party and state.

Jang was seen as helping Kim Jong-un consolidate power after the death of his father, Kim Jong-il, two years

Jang was the latest and most significant in a series of personnel reshuffles that Kim has conducted in an apparent effort to bolster his power.

Some analysts see the purge as a sign of Kim Jongun's growing confidence, but there has also been fear in Seoul that the removal of such an important part of the North's government - seen by outsiders as the leading supporter of Chinese-style economic reforms - could create dangerous instability or lead to a miscalculation or attack on the South.

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# WestJet video goes viral; big advertising win

#### 15 million views.

Airline's brand aets a big boost from feel-good, generous video posted online

While WestJet insists its holiday gift-giving stunt that spawned a viral video wasn't intended to be a commercial in disguise, marketing experts say the Canadian airline's brand is getting an invaluable boost as the YouTube hit count continues to surge.

In the video, which surpassed 15 million views on Thursday, the airline hatches



an elaborate holiday surprise for more than 250 travellers heading to Calgary on flights from Toronto and Hamilton.

WestJet customers are seen stumbling upon a video kiosk that connects them

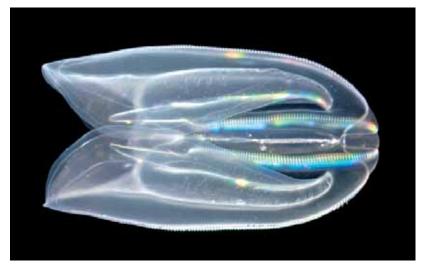
Claus, who asks what they'd like for Christmas. A family asks for a big TV, a boy wants a tablet, and one man asks for socks and underwear.

WestJet staff then scramble to buy the gifts to fill those requests, which are wrapped and delivered via a luggage carousel in Calgary. The shocked reaction of the passengers as they realize what WestJet has done is a feel-good tearjerker.

"They pulled it off in stunning fashion," said Mitch Joel, president of Twist Image.

WestJet said it had hoped the video would generate 200,000 views.

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#### **Sponges not the oldest – it's this guy: Study**

Sponges are getting squeezed out of first place in evolution. This image provided by the University of Miami and the journal Science shows a Mnemiopsis leidyi, a species of comb jelly known as a sea walnut, a plankton-eating creature native to the western Atlantic. A study of DNA research published Thursday in Science says comb jellies represent the oldest branch of the animal family tree. UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### Britain

#### Being an 'incorrigible roque' no longer illegal

England's repeat rascals can breathe a little easier tonight. Being an "incorrigible rogue" is no longer against

Britain's Ministry of

Justice said that the oldfashioned-sounding offence, created in the early 19th century, was one of more than 300 obsolete offences which had been scrapped over the past year.

The 1824 Vagrancy Act was aimed at the punishment of "idle and disorderly persons," "rogues," and "vagabonds." It defined an "incorrigible rogue" as

a homeless person who violently resisted arrest.

Many such laws have been heavily amended since or slipped into obsolescence as they were replaced by newer legislation. The government publishes an annual account of new and expired offences. Thursday's report said that 309 old ones were scrapped and 327 were added. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



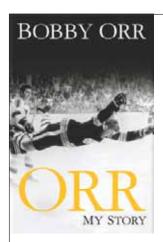
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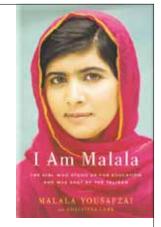








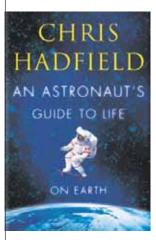












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#### Adopted son

#### Search for boy turns up another 'Dief' link

Ruthann Malmgren, now of Rockyford, Alta., had also been looking for Ed Thorne on behalf of her mother, Mary Rosa LaMarche, who years earlier had given him up for adoption.

LaMarche had been Dief-



enbaker's housekeeper in Prince Albert, Sask., in the late 1930s, Malmgren said. At the time, Diefenbaker was having marital difficulties, according to a biography of his first wife. His eye apparently rested on his housekeeper.

In 1938, LaMarche fell pregnant and was promptly sent to Bethany Home in Saskatoon. Little John was born in February 1939. His birth certificate did not list a father.

Malmgren, 70, remembers her dad would say the

baby was Diefenbaker's. He would be angry his wife wore a locket with photos of herself and the infant.

The baby, John Eric LaMarche, was adopted and renamed Edward Thorne.

Malmgren tracked Thorne down to Kamloops and, through him, connected with Stan Goertzen around 2003. She told him his biological father, Ed Thorne, was Diefenbaker's son. THE CANADIAN PRESS



# 'Childless' Diefenbaker sired 2 boys?

# Brothers' quest to uncover their roots. Labyrinthine tale of adoptions, broken and reconstituted families

Twice-married former prime minister John Diefenbaker — always believed to have been childless — may have fathered not one but two sons, leaving progeny scattered across the country, The Canadian Press has learned.

About 10 years ago, three Goertzen siblings began searching for their biological father, Ed Thorne, who had split from their mom four decades earlier.

Stan Goertzen, 52, found Thorne in Kamloops, B.C. He made a startling discovery—that Thorne, who died soon after, had been adopted and renamed. His name at birth was John Eric LaMarche, and his mother was Diefenbaker's housekeeper Mary Rosa La-Marche.

However, the youngest Goertzen brother, Lawrence, long had doubts about whether Thorne really was his biological father.

Enter George Dryden, 45, who grew up in a Toronto family of privilege only to discover a few years ago that the man who raised him — prominent federal Liberal Gordon Dryden — was not his father.

That revelation prompted Dryden to go on a well-publicized quest to confirm long-time family whispers: that he was the product of an affair between his mother, Mary Lou Dryden, and Diefenbaker, a known confidante.

Dryden, who bears a strong resemblance to the former Conservative prime minister, believes previous genetic matching with a known Diefenbaker relative proved the family connection.

Lawrence Goertzen, 48, contacted George Dryden and they both sent body samples to a DNA lab, together with Stan Goertzen. The result this month stunned them. "We're talking about 99.99 per cent probability that they are related," said Kyle Tsui at Torontobased Accu-Metrics, which did the tests. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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#### Anti-government protests continue in Thailand

A protester uses a pair of wire cutters to snap and remove barbed wire erected by Thai police over the fence of the prime minister's office in Bangkok on Thursday. Protesters waging a surreal political fight to oust Thailand's elected prime minister are trying to establish what amounts to a parallel government — one complete with "security volunteers" to replace the police, a foreign policy of their own and a central committee that has already begun issuing audacious orders. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Blinded Chinese boy receives prosthetic eyes

Recovery. Six-year-old boy whose eyes were gouged was successfully fitted with prosthetics that look and move like normal eyes, but don't restore vision

Guo Bin — nicknamed Binbin — danced to music at a send-off ceremony at the C-MER Dennis Lam Eye Hospital in the southern Chinese city of Shenzhen, where he expressed gratitude and happiness more than three months after a brutal attack left him blind.

The prosthetic eyes look and move much like normal eyes,



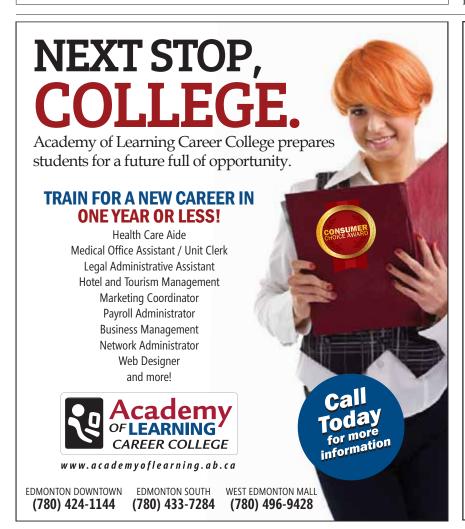
but they do not restore vision. Doctors plan to fit Binbin with navigation sensors next summer that would allow him to get around on his own in familiar places.

Police in the boy's hometown in northern China's Shanxi province say they suspect his aunt was the culprit in the attack, although they have not identified a motive. The woman has since committed suicide, and Binbin's parents have raised doubts.

On Thursday, the boy's mother said Binbin can put on his clothes, brush his teeth and climb stairs by himself, according to reports in Hong Kong media

"He has adapted well and is smart," his mother, Wang Wenli, said before thanking the medical staff.

The attack on the boy horrified the Chinese public and added to outrage over violence against children. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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# Qunu preps for Mandela funeral

**Massive event.** Final goodbye comes with major challenges for tiny village

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The population of Qunu is just under 300, but a mass invasion is underway ahead of Nelson Mandela's funeral Sunday, when the village where Madiba grew up hosts one of the largest events in South African history.

"There is a lot of people and a lot of disruption," said a spokesperson at the Nel-

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"Everything is in order there, and we are ready to warmly welcome our quests."

Nomakhosazana Meth, municipality mayor, on the airport

son Mandela Museum, the largest building in Qunu, which has become the site of a marquee for the world's media.

Much larger temporary structures are being hastily constructed to host the ceremony and its 5,000 guests, with officials admitting work is behind schedule. Eleven venues in the local area will screen the funeral for those unable to attend, with up to 70,000 expected, and accommodation prices rising sharply across the region.

Roads leading to the village will be blocked, and the local airport in Mthatha will become a no-fly zone, reserved for around 100 private jets transporting dignitaries. "The military will be in control," announced municipality mayor Nomakhosazana Meth.

Many celebrities are expected to attend, including Oprah Winfrey and Britain's Prince Charles. More than 1,500 members of the media have been accredited.

#### Interpreter says he hallucinated

The man accused of faking sign interpretation while standing alongside world leaders like U.S. President Barack Obama at Nelson Mandela's memorial service said Thursday he hallucinated that angels were entering the stadium, has schizophrenia and has been violent in the past.

Thamsanqa Jantjie said in a 45-minute interview with The Associated Press that his hallucinations began while he was interpreting and that he tried not to panic because there were "armed policemen around me."

He added that he was once hospitalized in a mental health facility for more than a year and a half

The statements by Jantjie also raise serious security issues for Obama, other heads of state and United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon who stood next to Jantjie as they made speeches at FNB Stadium in Soweto, Johannesburg's famed black township.

A South African deputy Cabinet minister, Hendrietta Bogopane-Zulu, later announced that "a mistake happened" in

the hiring of Jantjie.

A medical expert with University College London cautioned that Jantjie's unusual sign language didn't look like it was caused by schizophrenia or another psychosis.

"The disruption of sign language in people with schizophrenia takes many forms but this does not look like anything I have seen in signers with psychosis," said Jo Atkinson, who is a clinical psychologist and researcher at the Center for Deafness, Cognition and Language. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





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# Sticky fingers. Queen not amused by cops gobbling guests' nuts, court hears

A private investigator convicted of eavesdropping on the voice mails of royal staff told a tabloid editor that the Queen was annoyed because police officers ate the nuts laid out for Buckingham Palace guests.

The tidbit was passed on by Clive Goodman to Andy Coulson, then editor of the nowdefunct News of the World.

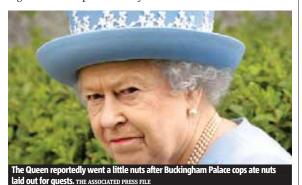
Goodman's 2005 email notes: "Memo (has) now gone around to all palace cops telling them to keep their sticky

The email was used as evidence at the phone-hacking trial of Coulson, former editor Rebekah Brooks and five others. All deny guilt.

An eighth defendant, Ian

Edmondson, was dropped from the trial Thursday because doctors have declared him unfit to stand trial. Judge John Saunders said Edmondson would be tried once he has recovered.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



# Have the munchies? Doritos has you covered

Food innovation lab. On the heels of the popular Doritos Locos Tacos, prepare for chip-topped chicken wings and Mountain Dew sauces

Dorito dust may be the new salt for more restaurant

PepsiCo Inc., which owns Cheetos, Fritos, Tostitos and other snacks, found success last year after teaming up with Taco Bell to create Dorito-flavoured taco shells. And it has since been dreaming up other restaurant dishes featuring its popular snacks.

The company announced Thursday that it struck a deal to serve its drinks at Buffalo Wild Wings, picking a sig-nificant client from beverage rival Coca-Cola Co. Notably,

Doritos OCOS TACOS

PepsiCo also said it would work with the sports-centric chain to create "unique menu

In an interview, Buffalo

Wild Wings CEO Sally Smith said that she visited PepsiCo's food innovation lab in New York and was shown several dishes the chain might put on

Over at Taco Bell, Doritos Locos Tacos continue to be a considerable sales driver.

Taco Bell CEO Greg Creed has noted that a major advantage of the tacos is that competitors can't replicate them — their success is largely tied to the popularity of the Doritos brand.

its menu. Ideas included Doritos as a crunchy topping for wings or tenders, or even just offering potato chips as a side

Additionally, Smith said she was shown salad dressings and sandwich and chicken wing sauces that incorporate PepsiCo's sodas, including Mountain Dew.

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#### **Market Minute**



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#### TimmyMe app

#### Two years after Starbucks, Tim's tries tap-and-pay

A limited number of Tim Hortons stores are now letting you pay for a doubledouble with your smartParticipating outlets in Canada and the U.S. will allow users with some Black-Berry 10 devices, iPhones and Google Android smartphones to pay with a TimmyMe app. The BlackBerry app uses near field communication technology and works similarly to the tap-to-pay method used with some debit and credit cards. The canadian press

#### Share with up to 15 peeps

#### Filter who gets that latest selfie on **Instagram Direct**

Instagram has added a new feature that lets users share photos and videos with up to 15 people rather than everyone who follows them on the popular Facebook-owned photo-sharing app.

Called Instagram Direct, the feature is available for Apple and Android phones, CEO Kevin Systrom said at a news event in New York

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#### Julia and Emma Oakville, ON

Goodness runs in their family. Teen sisters Julia and Emma from Oakville, ON made it their mission to collect books for remote "fly-in" communities in Northern Ontario. Their charity **Books With No Bounds has** collected and distributed over 27,000 books.

#### George Oliver, BC

Wherever help is needed in Oliver, BC, you'll find George. He spends his life spreading goodness in so many ways, but what's really special is the time and effort he devotes to growing fresh vegetables for others, Last year, he donated 1800lbs of veggies to the food bank.

he, and a group of volunteers from The House, bring smiles and a little human tenderness to the aged.

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# THE GOOD PEOPLE WANT GANJA

**Asian cockroaches.** A new species has been discovered in the Big Apple. Recently identified by scientists as Periplaneta japonica, a genus native to Japan, the insect is known in China and Korea for its ability to survive in cold climates. New Yorkers remain unfazed by news of another living creature trying to survive and breed in their city.

**Grounded.** Last Friday, Tom Wagner fell asleep on a flight to Houston. He was overlooked by staff and awoke to find himself trapped in the dark aircraft. He called his girlfriend and she notified the airline, who eventually rescued him. Counter-terrorism agencies expressed concern over

the news but airport security assured them that Wagner had nothing in his shoes and did not have a bottle of

Mama knows. Mothers' favourite gift this year is the FiLIP smartwatch. A colourful wristwatch doubling as a phone with voice and GPS so parents can keep track of

their kids at all times. American women are currently lobbying for this same technology to be used in wedding rings.

Everything I (Think I) Am. Kanye West is the world's greatest artist. Just ask him. He appeared at his Texas concert wearing a mask and someone shouted, Take it off." After having security eject the paid-ticket holder, Kanye cleared up any possibility of mistaken identity by declaring his full name. "I'm Kanye-motha-fin-West!" he said. And no one's arguing that.

Grass is greener. Hashtag "cannabis" has been trending on Twitter, and not just because weed-smokers repeatedly

tweeted while forgetting they had. Ganja is making news because public appeal for legalization is growing, while staunch opposers recycle archaic myths of reefer madness as they guzzle their spirit of choice. "It's a gateway drug," they say. Yes, the gateway to procrastination and poor gastronomical decisions. And last I checked, neither

**Heading south.** U.S. private equity firm Bain Capital has managed to overtake one of our country's great national treasures: Canada Goose. Current president Dani Reiss says that the corporation intends to maintain the high standards for outerwear that his family worked hard to create, and that they will continue to be made in Canada. Oh good, so we still won't be able to afford them.

Hallelujah. Time magazine's Person of the Year goes to Pope Francis! The people's pontiff was chosen for refocusing the church away from condemnation and back to basics like mercy, compassion and maybe even smoking weed.

This week in music. On Dec. 12, 1957, rock 'n' roll icon Jerry Lee Lewis, who was still married to his first wife, secretly wed his 13-year-old second cousin Myra Gale Brown. This "degenerate trifecta" raised interesting public debate about which was more disturbing: the bigamy, the

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incest, or the statutory rape. Now, that's what I call Follow The Metro List on some Great Balls of Fire.

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### **Burglary – it's monkey business**

**Mike Benhaim** 

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#### **Baboons raid** apartment for food

These baboons show they really are cheeky monkeys by breaking into an apartment, stealing food and parading their loot, including a giant teddy bear. Around 10 chacma baboons clambered into the third-floor flat in Cape Town, South Africa, and wreaked havoc, after one of their accomplices managed to get the window open. METRO



"I am quite used to working with monkeys but I

was amazed. When they came out with a giant teddy bear. I was even more astonished."

Cyril Ruoso, wildlife photographer, 43, from France

#### **Loss of habitat** leads to urban raid

Due to loss of natural habitat, baboons on the Cape Peninsula are adapting to human environment, entering urban areas in search of food.

"The intimidation that the big males employ has become physical and my young son no longer feels safe in the house," says Pierrer de Villiers, who lives in the town of Scarborough on the peninsula. **METRO** 

A baboon escapes with a teddy





The festive season is in full swing, which means there is an overwhelming amount of holiday indulgence and selfie-snapping. Here are some apps that can help you look flawless, albeit not so natural, in photos.

#### **Facetune:**

For \$2.99, this photo-editing app for iPhone and iPad is the perfect tool to help you achieve a professional-looking, polished photo. Options include a function to smooth the appearance of wrinkles. Smooth not enough? There's a "smoother" option, too.

#### Pixtr:

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#### **Beauty Camera:**

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@metropicks asked: A Vancouver bus driver isn't allowed to wear a Santa suit because it's against uniform policy. Should he be allowed?

@TrentRedekop: will it help him

pick us up on time?

**@EthanDR:** "He might not be identifiable as the transit operator" ... umm he's the one driving the bus #IDENTI-

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Picking up where An Unexpected Journey left off, Bilbo Baggins (Martin Freeman) and Gandalf (Ian McKellen) join with Thorin Oakenshield (Richard Armitage) and his army of 12 dwarves. Their goal is to traverse Mirkwood, Esgaroth and Dale to locate the firebreathing dragon Smaug who hoards the wealth of the Lonely Mountain. On the way they battle giant spiders, make a deal with Bard the bowman (Luke Evans), the descendant of the original Lord of Dale, and some helpful and not-so-helpful elves (including a good lookin' and deadly She-Elf played by Evangeline Lilly).

- Richard: ••••
- Mark: ••••



#### **RICHARD CROUSE AND** MARK BRESLIN





# This Hobbit is hobbling

The Desolation of Smaug. J.R.R. Tolkien fans will surely geek out on the latest installment but one of the Reel Guys couldn't care less about the film

Richard: Mark, despite the sense of mild confusion I felt as I tried to piece the story together, I really enjoyed The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug. It took a lot of backstory to get to the fifth film based on Middle-earth and its inhabitants and it will help if you know your Shire from your Sauron or your Skin Changers.

But having said that, Peter Jackson has crafted a great action adventure with the same consistency of tone, style and spirit that runs through the LOTR and Hobbit movies. They feel like story shards chipped off the same block.

Mark: Richard, there are two kinds of people in this world - those who admire and enjoy the work of J.R.R. Tolkien, and those who are repelled by his neo-medieval, Druidic nonsense.

You can guess which camp I fall into. I sat through the Rings trilogy under great duress, and skipped the first Hob-bit entirely. So the only question was how much I would loathe this picture. The good news is: not that much. True, the entire movie and everyone in it needs a haircut, but the set pieces worked, especially the barrel escape down the river and the entire dragon sequence. But the movie

felt so long I could have flown to Tokyo for dinner and gotten back in time for the end

RC: I think fans will find the length just about right... nonfans, maybe not so much. This one worked for me. There's a Richard Attenborough old school epicness about it. It is about good and evil without troubling nuance or antiheroes.

Perhaps because Englishman Tolkien penned these action adventure stories during the Second World War when evil was clear-cut, his books are ripe with allegory but straightforward in their approach to morality and good

MB: A good point, but maybe it's precisely that serious, hectoring tone that always turned me off. Evangeline Lilly, on the other hand, did not turn me off - quite the

She really holds the screen even if her ears need cosmetic surgery. But the ending a cliffhanging cheat, if you ask me - elicited a collective groan from the audience and made the experience feel incomplete. Did you like the dark look of the picture?

RC: I did like the look. It's darker in tone than the Hobbit books for sure, but I thought it suited Peter Jackson's take on the story. I also liked the Walking Dead style battle scenes - lots of arrows

MB: I kept hoping for someone to show up with a gun and put them all out of my



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# Lots of talent, but little gold to go around

#### Golden Globes noms.

It's a crowded field and the Hollywood Foreign Press doesn't seem to know what funny is



EHRBAR Metro World News in Hollywood

Awards season is officially here, thanks to the announcements of the Golden Globe nominations, and the best word to describe this year's crop is crowded. So crowded, in fact, that some heavy hitters have been almost left out.

Steve McQueen's 12 Years a Slave is still considered the lead favourite, with nominations for the film itself, director Mc-Queen, stars Chiwetel Ejiofor, Michael Fassbender and Lupita Nyong'o, screenwriter John Ridley and composer Hans Zim-

But with such a crowded year it's easy for votes to get split. At least McQueen doesn't have to worry about David O. Russell's nomination-heavy



American Hustle until the Oscars, as the Hollywood Foreign Press (HFPA) have placed it in the musical or comedy category (see sidebar).

Though it earned several nominations earlier in the week from the Screen Actors Guild, Lee Daniels' the Butler didn't garner a mention —

not even for Oprah Winfrey, despite the HFPA's starstruck reputation. And while Martin Scorsese's Wolf of Wall Street nabbed nominations for the film and star Leonardo Di-Caprio, it didn't make the cut in any other major category. Sorry, Scorsese.

Ejiofor, Idris Elba and Julia

Louis-Dreyfus will be pulling double duty come the night of the awards, with nominations in both the film and television categories. And ceremony cohost Amy Poehler might have to take a break to make an acceptance speech, as she's up for her work on Parks and RecreaBut what's most noteworthy about the television nominations is what and who didn't get nominated. The HFPA obviously didn't respond to the most recent season of Mad Men, as the series didn't score a single nod. Neither did HBO's Game of Thrones or Showtime's

#### That's not funny!

The HFPA is earning more than the usual amount of criticism this year for its musical or comedy film categories not really honouring musicals or comedy. Some of the films filling the top category - best picture musical or comedy . (American Hustle, Her, Inside Llewyn Davis, Nebraska and The Wolf of Wall Street) shouldn't really be considered comedies, critics are arguing. Producers have been criticized in the past for positioning serious fare in the comedy category to increase a film's chances.

Homeland. And while Downton Abbey earned a nomination for the series itself, none of the cast — not even Maggie Smith — warranted a mention.

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- Best Motion Picture Musical or Comedy. American Hustle; Her; Inside Llewyn Davis; Nebraska; The Wolf of Wall Street
- Best Director. Alfonso Cuaron - Gravity; Paul Greengrass - Captain Phillips; Steve McQueen - 12 Years a Slave; Alexander Payne - Nebraska; David O. Russell - American Hustle
- Best Actor Motion Picture Drama. Chiwetel Ejiofor -12 Years a Slave; Idris Elba - Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom; Tom Hanks - Captain Phillips; Matthew Mc-Conaughey - Dallas Buyers Club; Robert Redford - All is Lost
- Musical or Comedy.
  Christian Bale American
  Hustle; Bruce Dern Nebraska; Leonardo DiCaprio,
   the Wolf of Wall Street;
  Oscar Isaac Inside Llewyn
  Davis; Joaquin Phoenix -
- Best Actress Motion Picture Drama. Cate Blanchett - Blue Jasmine; Sandra Bullock - Gravity; Judi



Dench - Philomena; Emma Thompson - Saving Mr. Banks; Kate Winslet - Labor

- Best Actress Motion Picture Musical or Comedy.
   Amy Adams American Hustle; Julie Delpy Before Midnight; Greta Gerwig Frances Ha; Julia Louis-Dreyfus Enough Said; Meryl Streep August: Osage County
- Best Drama Series. Break-

ing Bad; Downtown Abbey; the Good Wife; House of Cards: Masters of Sex

- Best Comedy Series. The Big Bang Theory; Brooklyn Nine-Nine; Girls; Modern Family; Parks and Recreation
- Best Actor in a TV Drama Series. Bryan Cranston
   Breaking Bad; Lieve Schreiber - Ray Donovan; Michael Sheen - Masters of Sex; Kevin Spacey - House of Cards; James Spader -The Blacklist
- Best Actress in a TV Drama Series. Julianna Margulies

   the Good Wife; Tatiana Maslany - Orphan Black; Taylor Schilling - Orange is the New Black; Kerry Washington - Scandal; Robin Wright - House of Cards
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## Great Odin's Raven! Burgundy is back



#### **Anchorman 2.**

Will Ferrell swore he'd never make a sequel ... OK maybe just one

#### LIZ BROWN

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There's a stack of magazines sitting on the coffee table of Will Ferrell's suite at Toronto's Carlton-Ritz and as we settle down to chat in the plush chairs, the glossy one on top grabs his attention. He picks it up and flourishes his hand across its cover — a picture of a panda munching on a bamboo shoot.

"How apropos that there's a panda on the cover of this magazine, which was the big story in the first Anchorman. The panda story," he reminisces. "It's too bad they're almost extinct now. But let's not talk about that"

Indeed. Time is of the essence and Ferrell's got a few more upbeat things to wax about — like Anchorman 2 and his whirlwind promotion tour. Prior to touching down in Toronto earlier this month, he'd pulled a few Ron Burgundy stunts — co-anchoring a local newscast in Bismarck, N.D.,

and co-hosting the Roar of the Rings curling tournament in Winnipeg. But it's all a labour of love for Ferrell, who together with his co-writer Adam McKay, once swore they'd never do sequels — a claim with an asterisk for one special movie. "We would always have this sidebar conversation where it was 'well, if we ever were to do a sequel one day, it would probably be Anchorman," he says.

The original Anchorman reached almost cult-like status when it came out on DVD nearly 10 years ago. For a time, its jokes were fodder for every armchair comic. "People just started falling in love with this movie on a different level after repeat viewings," says Ferrell.

In Anchorman 2, Ron Burgundy and his reunited crew (Paul Rudd, Steve Carell, David Koechner) face a new decade – the '80s – with new challenges: a 24-hour cable news channel and – gasp — a female African American boss. In terms of joke density, Anchorman 2 packs in as many as the first and even more cameos. Kanye West, Will Smith, Amy Poehler, Tina Fey, Liam Neeson and Harrison Ford are just a fraction of the big names in the film.

"That's the love people have for Anchorman. We kept hear-

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## "Just being back in our outfits, everyone felt really sentimental."

Will Ferrell on the crew reprising their newscasting roles in Anchorman 2

ing from people and had them reaching out to us."

Ferrell says they even set their sights on Brad Pitt, who he wanted to play Ron Burgundy's pretty boy nemesis — anchor Jack Lime — but when Pitt declined, Ferrell and McKay brought in James Marsden. "We just did an informal read-through of the script to see how jokes were playing and Marsden read that part and we were like 'he's the guy,'" he says.

Ferrell adds the film-

Ferrell adds the film-making felt more like a reunion party. "Just being back in our outfits, everyone felt really sentimental and it was like, 'wow, we're actually going to do this again."

"It's cliché sounding but I don't know if I've worked more closely with any cast, the way we get along and how we have this shared sense of letting each other be funny all at the same time and there's no real competition. That's rare."

#### Anchorman app

#### Scotchy, scotch scotch



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#### Documentary



#### The Summit

Director. Nick Ryan

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#### Drama



#### Nebraska

Director. Alexander Payne

Stars. Bruce Dern, Will Forte

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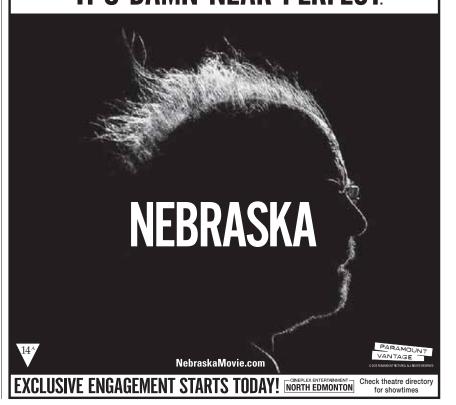
There's erasable and then there's Woody Grant (Bruce Dern), a cantankerous man who thinks a "You may already be a winner" letter is a ticket to a million dollar fortune. After several failed attempts to walk to Lincoln, Neb., to claim his prize Woody's son David (Will Forte) offers to drive him. He knows the ticket is worthless but understands it's the thing that gives Woody something to live for. Director Alexander Payne keeps things nimble and very funny in places in this beautiful black-and-

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Frozen (G) Fri 1:10-3:50-5:35-6:40 Sat 10:40-12:05-1:10-2:30-3:05-3:50-6:40 Sun 12:05-1:10-3:05-3:50-6:40 Mon-Thu 1:10-3:50-6:40

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Holiday Inn (STC) Wed 7 Homefront (14A) Fri 12:40-3:10-8:15-10:50 Sat 12:40-5:45-8:15-10:50 Sun 12:40-5:40-8:10-10:45 Mon-Tue 3-5:40-8:10-10:45 Wed 3:40-10:45 Thu 2:10-4:40 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1







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12 Years a Slave (14A) Fri 7:30 Sat-Sun 2-7:30 Mon-Thu 7:30 Philomena (PG) Fri 7-9 Sat-Sun 2:30-7-9 Mon-Thu 7-9

#### **Scotiabank Theatre** 8882 170th St.

American Hustle (14A) Thu 7-10 Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues (STC) No Passes Wed-Thu 2:10-5:05-8-

Delivery Man (PG) Fri-Sun 11:45-2:25-4:55-7:45-10:30 Mon 1:10-3:50-9:45 Tue Wed 1:10-4:20-7:10-9:45 Thu 1:10-3:50 Frozen (G) Fri-Sun 1:15-4-7 Mon 1:15-4-6:50 Tue 12-1:15-4-6:50 Wed 4-6:50 Thu 1:15-4-6:50 Star & Strollers Screening

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Gravity 3D (PG) Fri-Sat 12:20-2:40-5:10-7:35-10 Sun 2:40-5:10-7:35-10 Mon-Tue 12:20-2:40-5:10-7:35-9:55

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An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:30-3-6:40-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 11:30-3-6:30-10:10

Homefront (14A) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:10-5:40-8:10-10:40

The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG) Fri-Sun 11:50-12:45-3:20-4:10-6:45-7:30-10:10-10:45 Mon-Tue 12:45-2-4:10-5:45-7:30-9:15-10:45 Wed 12:45-4:10-5:45-7:30-9:15-10:45 Thu 12:45-2-4:10-5:45-7:30-9:15-10:45 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1

Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa (14A) Fri 12:30-2:50-5:30-8-10:25 Sat 2:50-5:30-8-10:25 Sun 12:25-10:25 Mon-Wed 12:30-2:50-5:30-8-10:25 Thu 12:30-2:50-10:25 Last Vegas (PG) Fri-Thu 9:40

The Metropolitan Opera: Falstaff (STC) Sat 10:55 Puella Magi Madoka Magica the Movie:

Rebellion (PG) Sun 12:55 Thor: The Dark World (PG) Fri-Sun 11:30-

2:15 Mon-Thu 1:30 Thor: The Dark World 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 5:05-7:55-10:45 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:20-10:20 WWE TLC: Tables, Ladders and Chairs (STC) Sun 6

#### **South Edmonton Common** 1525 99th St.

American Hustle (14A) Thu 7:10-10:25 Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues

(STC) No Passes Wed 1-1:30-4-4:30-7:05-7:30-10-10:30 No Passes Thu 1:05-1:30-4-4:30-7:05-7:30-10-10:30

Arthur Christmas (G) Sat 11 The Book Thief (PG) Fri-Sat 12:35-3:40-7:05-10:05 Sun 3:40-7:05-10:05 Mon-Tue 12:35-3:40-7:05-10:05

Delivery Man (PG) Fri-Sat 12:10-2:45-5:25-8-10:35 Sun 12:10-2:45-5:20-8-10:35 Mon-Tue 12:10-2:45-5:25-8-10:35 Wed 1:45-4:15-9:30 Thu 4 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1

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Frozen 3D (G) Fri-Thu 11:55-2:35-5:15-7:50-10:25

Gravity 3D (PG) Fri-Sat 1:05-3:25-5:45-8:05-10:20 Sun 12:35-2:55-9:55 Mon-Wed 1:05-3:25-5:45-8:05-10:20 Thu 12:15-2.40-9.55

The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 1-4:30-8:15 No Passes Mon 12:55-4:20-5-8:05-8:35 No Passes Tue-Thu 12:55-4:20-8:05

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Homefront (14A) Fri-Sat 12:40-3:10-5:40-8:20-10:50 Sun 12:45-3:10-5:40-8:20-10:50 Mon-Wed 1:55-4:35-7:20-10:15 Thu 1:55-4:35

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Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom (PG) Mon 7

The Metropolitan Opera: Falstaff (STC) Sat 10:55

Out of the Furnace (14A) Fri 2-4:50-7:45-10:40 Sat 11:10-2-4:50-7:45-10:40 Sun 2-4:50-7:45-10:40 Mon-Wed 2-4:50-7:55-10:40 Thu 2-4:50-7:45-10:40

Philomena (PG) Fri 12-2:30-5-7:25-9:50 Sat 4-6:30-9 Sun 12-2:30-5-7:25-9:50 Mon 12-2:30-10:20 Tue 12-2:30-5-7:25-9:50 Puella Magi Madoka Magica the Movie: Rebellion (PG) Sun 12:55

Saving Mr. Banks (PG) No Passes Thu 7:15-10:05

Thor: The Dark World (PG) Wed-Thu 2-4:45-7:35-10:30

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WWE TLC: Tables, Ladders and Chairs (STC) Sun 6

#### **Grandin Theatres** 101-22 Sir Winston Churchill Ave. St. Albert

Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues (STC) No Passes Wed-Thu 1:45-4:15-7-9:20

Captain Phillips (PG) Fri-Tue 6:45-9:15 Free Birds (G) Fri-Tue 1:05-3-4:50 Frozen (G) Fri-Thu 1-3:10-5:15-7:20-9:25 The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:25-7:55

The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:25-6:15-9 Thor: The Dark World (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-2:50-5-7:15-9:35

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Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues (STC) No Passes Wed-Thu 7:20-10:15 Arthur Christmas (G) Sat 11 Delivery Man (PG) Fri 4:50-7:30-10:15 Sat 2:10-4:50-7:30-10:15 Sun 11:30-2:10-4:50-7:30-10:15 Mon-Thu 7:30-10:05 Frozen (G) Fri 4:35-7:20 Sat-Sun 11:15-1:55-4:35-7:20 Mon-Thu 6:50 Frozen 3D (G) Fri 5:05-7:50-10:30 Sat-Sun 11:45-2:25-5:05-7:50-10:30 Mon-Thu 7:20-10

The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (PG) No Passes Fri 5:20-6:30-9-10:10 No Passes Sat-Sun 11:20-1:45-2:50-5:20-6:30-9-10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:15-9

The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug 3D (PG) No Passes Fri 4:40-8:20 No Passes Sat-Sun 1-4:40-8:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 8 No Passes Fri 3:30-7-10:30 No Passes Sat-Sun 12-3:30-7-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:45-10:15

Homefront (14A) Fri-Sun 10:05 Mon-Thu 9.30

The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG) Fri 3:50-6:40-7:10-10-10:25 Sat-Sun 12:05-12:30-3:20-3:50-6:40-7:10-10-10:25 Mon-Tue 6:30-7:10-9:50 Wed-Thu 6:30-9:50 Thor: The Dark World (PG) Sat-Sun 1:05 Thor: The Dark World 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 3:55-6:50-9:45 Mon-Thu 7-9:55

#### **Leduc Cinemas** 4702 50th St. Leduc

Frozen (G) Fri 6:50-9:35 Sat-Sun 12:50-6:50-9:35-9:35 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:35 The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (PG) Fri-Thu 6:15-9:35

The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug 3D (PG) Fri 7:30 Sat-Sun 12:15-3:35-7:30 Mon-Thu 7:30 Homefront (14A) Fri 7-9:30 Sat-Sun 1-3:30-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 7-9:30

#### **Cineplex Odeon Windermere** & VIP Cinemas 6151 Currents Drive NW

Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues (STC) No Passes Wed-Thu 7-9:55 No Passes Wed-Thu 8:30

The Book Thief (PG) Fri 3:40-6:50-10 Sat 12:30-3:45-6:45-10 Sun 12:40-3:40-6:45-9:50 Tue 6:30-9:40 Wed-Thu 6:50-10

Dallas Buyers Club (18A) Fri 4-7-9:45 Sat 12:40-3:45-6:45-10 Sun 12:50-3:30-6:15-9 Mon-Tue 6:40-9:30

Frozen (G) Sat 1:30-4:10 Sun 12:40-3:25 Frozen 3D (G) Fri 3:50-6:40-9:20 Sat 12:50-3:40-6:30-9:20 Sun 1:10-4-7-9:40 Mon 6:50-9:40 Tue 6:50-9:35 Wed-Thu 6:40-9:20

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The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG) Fri 4:15-4:45-7:30-8:10-10:45 Sat 12:30-3:45-7-7:15-10:15-10:45 Sun 12:45-4:15-6:05-7:40-9:20 Mon 6:30-8:30-9:45 Tue 6:30-7:30-9:45 Wed-Thu 6:30-8:30-9:50 Fri 5-9 Sat 1-5-9 Sun 12:45-4:30-9 Mon-Thu 7:30

Thor: The Dark World (PG) Sat 12:15 Sun 1

Thor: The Dark World 3D (PG) Fri 3:40-6:35-9:40 Sat 3:15-6:15-9:05 Sun 4:10-7-9:45 Mon 7-10:10 Tue 6:50-10:10 Wed-Thu 6:50-9:40



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## Emma Thompson on the cusp of crotchety

#### Saving Mr. Banks.

Actress puts an interesting twist on a character that could have fallen to stereotype



**EHRBAR** orld News in Hollywood

Just before our chat with Saving Mr. Banks star Emma Thompson, the British actress had wowed a press conference audience with a rather athletic entrance, vaulting herself over the dais — legs lifting high over the table — to get to her seat. The display was a far cry from P.L. Travers, her terse on-screen alter ego in Banks. But then there's a lot Thompson and Travers don't have in common.

#### Before we start, I wanted to commend you on a fantastic entrance to the press conference.

Essentially what you have to understand is that spiritually I always carry a bladder on a stick and wear a cap and bells. I must, I think, in a past life been some sort of court jester. Because I seem to make it my aim in life to get a laugh. Any way

#### And may I say, you're quite limber. I don't know that I could've managed that.

You can always go down and have a go later. I found it a bit distracting



#### in this film that you're far too young for the part.

Well, I'm not far too young. I'm 54 and she was 66 at the time. I also think I look very old — suitably and properly old. Travers herself liked to divide a woman's life into three main parts: nymph,

mother and crone. So I said, 'Why don't we just play her on that cusp between mother and crone?" There's still a kind of Eros, an erotic possibility for her, but you can see that it's never going to happen because she's too closed up. I think that's

more interesting because you can see the possibility there, and you're not playing a crotchety old lady — who is rather more easy, because of the way that our world works, to dismiss.

What are your thoughts on

#### There are many things you can do. There's two questions: What is heroism? Is

thing is always happening at once, if you see what I

mean. I think that we carry

it with us all the time, so you don't necessarily leave

anything behind. It's all

You've mentioned a problem with trying to find

characters to look to. How

heroic historical female

coming with you.

do we fix that?

it action? Does it have to be action-based? As I started to [work] in cinema I realized that I would identify with Marlon Brando because he was the one getting to do things and that women seemed to be the ones saying, "No, don't do that brave thing, stay here with me," I started to get very frustrated with that. And I remain frustrated with that because it's still a very common trope. I turned down role after role after role in my 30s which were the wife going, "No please! Why don't you think of us? Think of the children!" That sort of milksop, marshmallow-y stuff that wasn't even allowed to be inhabited in any real way. But the problem with female heroism is not one that's very easy to answer because if the actions are going to be the same as the male hero, then what do you do? You stick a gun in their hands. What's the point of that? It's the same old, same old. It's a real conundrum.

#### that simplified trio of life stages?

I kind of like it. I think it's interesting, you know, with the seven ages of man being another format, if you like, for thinking about the stages of our lives. And I personally think every-



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# Handmade holiday cheer



#### Holiday party invites

Nothing will set the tone for your holiday bash better than a spectacular and creative party invitation. These fun and interactive ornament invites are a playful way for your guests to get all the details they will need for your next holiday party.

- Card stock paper
- Colourful paper
- A printer/computer
- Clear ornaments (found at local craft store)
- Utility knife, cutting mat
- Pencil
- Ribbon
- Box: card stock, cellophane, glue gun

#### Method:

- 1. On your computer, make a document of all of your party information. Make sure each sentence is separated.
- 2. Cut the sentences with a utility knife to make strips. Curl the pieces with a pencil.
- 3. Carefully remove the cap from your glass ornament and fill the ornament with the curls.
- 4. Finish with a ribbon and a gift tag that instructs your party goers to find out the details inside.



Popular daytime TV hosts Steven Sabados and Chris Hyndman are getting into the holiday spirit and are ready to help add glitz and glamour to your holidays with these clever tips. For more holiday season DIY decor ideas, watch Steven & Chris weekdays at 2 p.m. on CBC.

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#### DIY snow globes

Spread the holiday cheer at your next dinner party with these place card snow globes.

- Silicone glue
- Small holiday decor items
- Small sisal trees
- Small plastic stars
- Mason jarsAcetate paper
- Oil based markerGlycerin
- Foam
- Utility knife
- Cutting matGlue gun

#### **Method:**

- 1. Using the Mason jar, make a template on the foam and cut out small foam pucks.
- 2. Score the inside of the lid with sandpaper.
- 3. Glue the Styrofoam pucks to the lid and then glue the small holiday figurines and sisal trees.
- 4. Cut out a small piece of acetate and write your guests' name on it. Glue the acetate to a plastic star and the star to the tree.
- 5. Fill the jar with water and a touch of glycerin. Add glitter. 6. Insert the scene into the jar after it has set. We recommend
- 24 hours. Screw lid on tight, turn upside down and shake.

### Golden apple holiday cocktail

Who can resist a splash of bubbly this time of year? Toast to good cheer this season with one of our favourite holiday cocktails.

- Raw sugar
- 1.5 oz brandy
- 0.5 oz Goldschlager
- Apple cider
- Ice
- Sparkling wine

#### Method:

- 1. Wet the rim of your champagne flute with lemon and dip into a shallow bowl of raw sugar.
- 2. Fill a shaker with ice. Add 1.5 oz brandy, 0.5 oz Goldschlager and apple cider. Shake well and pour into glass.
- 3. Top with sparkling wine and enjoy!



#### DIY deer head

The rustic charm of winter is timeless, yet seemingly effortlessly chic. Here's one rustic holiday look that you can create at home with simple supplies — the kids can help too!

- Deer head template (all the templates are available at cbc.ca/stevenandchris)
- Foam core/cardboard
- Spray glue
- Vintage wrapping paper/ wallpaper
- Utility knife

#### Method:

- 1. Download, print and cut out the template on your home printer.
- 2. Once you've cut out the template, trace the image onto foam core or cardboard.
- 3. Carefully cut out each of the pieces using a utility knife.
- 4. Find some great vintage wallpaper or cool wrapping paper. Spray glue the wallpaper/wrapping paper onto the pieces of foam core/cardboard.
- 5. Carefully fit all the pieces together, mount on the wall, and you're done.



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# Honoured as Billboard's woman of year, Pink says husband deserves some credit

Interview. A top tour, MTV awards and millions of units sold has the pop act flying high as the accolades keep rolling in

While she's excited her ballad Just Give Me a Reason is nominated for the song of the year Grammy, Pink says she believes her husband deserves some credit for its success.

The track, which topped the Billboard Hot 100 chart for three weeks, is about holding on to a troubled relationship.

"It means everything because it's a conversation between lovers fighting the good fight and that's been our life," Pink said in an interview Tuesday, standing next to her motorcycle racer husband, Carey Hart. "Our family is everything to us."

The 34-year-old often details their rocky relationship in her music.

"At the end of the day I crawl onto his lap and complain, so if someone wants to award me for that, they should give him the award," she said.

Pink was in great spirits Tuesday in New York City, where Billboard named the pop star its woman of the year.



"It's been a long road," she said. "It's been a roller coaster and I'm on board for the rises and the falls of it all."

Pink's successful year includes a top-grossing international tour and awards, an MTV Video Music Award among them. The Truth About Love, her sixth album released last year, has sold 1.8 million units.

Just Give Me a Reason, which has sold 4 million tracks and features Nate Ruess of fun., is also nominated for best pop duo or group performance at the Jan. 26

Grammy Awards.

Pink, who has won four Grammys, said being up for the coveted song of the year is unreal.

"That's a new thing for

#### Family life

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Pink

Talking about the support she receives from her husband Carey Hart

me," she said. "It's a pinch-me moment. I'm afraid to cross the street."

Her hit will battle anthems from Katy Perry, Bruno Mars, Lorde and Macklemore & Ryan Lewis.

But at the Billboard event, camaraderie was key: Pink congratulated R&B singer Janelle Monae, who was honoured as music's rising star, while sister duo Tegan and Sara and Scottish band Chvrches performed. Debbie Harry, Kimberly Perry of the Band Perry, Andy Cohen, Matt Lauer and Melanie Fiona attended the event.

Pink's The Truth About Love Tour wraps Jan. 31 in Las Vegas.

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# Did anyone order Kevin a plain cheese?

#### **Home Alone star.**

Macaulay Culkin forms Velvet Underground cover band, names it Pizza Underground, sings about the 'za

Whenever you see that Macaulay Culkin is trending on a search engine or your social media feed, it's a little scary.

What with gossip columnists constantly quoting sources who are apparently close to the Home Alone star, saying that he's got a massive



drug problem and is going to die any day now.

Though, we should point out that what we're about to report doesn't really dispel any notion of a massive drug problem, but at least he appears to be using these drugs productively: to form a Velvet . Underground cover band and sing about pizza.

His latest project, which

is so awesomely absurd that we'd love it even if it didn't involve him, is called the Pizza Underground, and they dress like the Velvet Underground, and they play songs that sound a lot like existent Velvet Underground songs (as well as Lou Reed songs and a Nico song thrown in for good measure), but with all of the words changed so that the

songs are all about pizza.

Pizza is sung to the chorus melody of Sweet Jane, Papa John Says is sung to the tune of Stephanie Says and I'm Beginning to Eat the Slice, is (pretty awesomely, obviously) sung to the tune of I'm Beginning to See the Light.

Lou Reed would definitely be proud.

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SOUND CHECK



**Krampus Carol** - Craterface

Given that the song is based on a mythical Satan-like creature who punished naughty children at Christmastime, this isn't your grandma's Christmas



#### **Sweet Child** O'Mine-Some three year-old kid

You'll be blown away by this kid playing along to Gun N' Roses. To be that coordinated and musical at age three is almost alien.



#### I'm Not a Young Man Anymore -The Velvet Underground

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# Madge splits with (much) younger beau

Madonna has split up with boyfriend Brahim Zaibat after three years of dating, the singer's rep confirms to Us Weekly. "It ran its course," a source says. "They were dancing and working

together all the time, and then they barely saw each other." Madonna first started dating the then-25-year-old dancer in 2010 before hiring him on as a backup dancer for her 2012 world tour





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And the award for most badass name goes to Randolph Mantooth.



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If Justin Bieber just tweeted 'fart' would it break the internet?



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This is that loving time of year where you really want to be around the people who didn't screw

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ron Hilton beating



#### Paris-Lindsay smackdown still has legs

It looks like Lindsay Lohan might not be in the clear just yet for the alleged beating of Barron Hilton in Miami last week, as the hotel heir - and younger brother to Paris Hilton had his lawyer reach out to Miami Beach police to discuss their investigation, according to Radar Online. "A meeting is being

to give a formal statement about the incident," a police spokesman says. Hilton reportedly wants Lohan's friend Ray LeMoine charged for the attack, but he'd initially backed off. "He has been made aware that there are incriminating photos that, if released, could tell a very different side of what took place," a source says. While Lohan hasn't currently been implicated in the incident, sources say Hilton believes she ordered LeMoine to beat him up.



# Investigation into Walker crash could take 90 days

Funeral services will be held this weekend for Paul Walker, but the cause of the Nov. 30 car crash that claimed the lives of the Fast and Furious star and his friend, Roger Rodas, could remain a mystery for up to 90 days as authorities investigate, according to the Hollywood

Reporter. A police spokesman says that any reports at this point about what caused the Porsche Carrera GT Rodas was driving to strike a light pole, two trees and a street sign are purely speculative. A coroner's report has already ruled the deaths to be accidental.



#### KFed reproduces... again

Kevin Federline is going to be a dad again. The former back-up dancer and husband to Britney Spears is expecting his second child with wife Victoria Prince, which will make six kids total for Federline, according to E! News. Federline is also the father to Spears' two sons, Jayden James and Sean Preston, as well as a son and daughter with ex-girlfriend Shar lackson.

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# Whites that like variety



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As sure as Rudolph was a reindeer, you're going to feel some level of stress over the holidays — possibly when choosing a wine to match with your family feast.

Since Charles was a little Dickens, turkey has been the headliner. Unfortunately, the bird never travels alone. It's always surrounded by sweet and savoury sides that can throw a curve ball at even the most accommodating wine match.

If you're a white wine fan, think sparkling. A fresh bubbly is the great equalizer, pairing with just about everything (even if you decide on red meat or seafood this Xmas).

The classic turkey-meetsstuffing-meets-cranberry scenario that will play out on most tables is a lover of full-bodied chardonnay. Try one with a touch of oaky goodness from Australia, Chile, Canada or California.

Whites with a hint of residual sugar like savoury and sweet. The balanced, juicy fruit of Moselland's 2012 Ars Vitis Riesling (\$9.95 - \$16.99) is a guaranteed crowd pleaser

that looks as good as it tastes. Next week: My red picks. PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY

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# Fancy doesn't have to mean complicated

Spinach-stuffed Chicken Thighs. This dish makes it possible to dazzle guests without much effort

1. In skillet over medium heat, wilt spinach until reduced. Let cool until easily handled, then squeeze moisture from spinach. Finely chop. You should have about 1/3 cup. Set aside.

**2.** Using paring knife, remove skin and bone from 2 chicken thighs. Place them in food pro-

cessor and pulse until finely chopped. Add ice and process until absorbed. Add sour cream and pulse again until well mixed. Add spinach, 1/2 teaspoon salt, fennel, lemon zest, nutmeg and 1/8 teaspoon black pepper. Pulse, scraping down sides, until mixed. Set aside.

3. Arrange remaining thighs on cutting board, skin side up. Carefully pull back skin, leaving attached on one end. Divide ground chicken and spinach mixture evenly between 6 thighs, spreading it evenly. Stretch skin back over filling on each thigh. Arrange stuffed thighs on plate, cover with plas-

tic wrap and chill for at least 1 hour and up to overnight.

4. When ready to cook, heat the oven to 400 F. In oven-safe skillet over medium-high, heat the oil. Season chicken skin lightly with salt and pepper, then add the chicken to the skillet, skin side down. Cook until skin is golden brown, then use tongs to turn thighs skin side up. Place skillet in the oven and roast for 25 minutes, or until the thighs reach 160 F.

**5.** Remove skillet from the oven and cover with foil. Let rest 5 minutes before transferring each thigh to serving plate.

Spoon any juices from skillet over the thighs before serving. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/SARA MOULTON'S EVERYDAY FAMILY DINNERS.

#### Ingredients

- 5 oz baby spinach2 lbs skin-on, bone-in
- chicken thighs (8 thighs)
- 2 tbsp crushed ice
- 1/3 cup low-fat sour cream
- Kosher salt
- 1/2 tsp fennel seeds, crushed
- 1 tsp grated lemon zest
- 1/8 tsp grated nutmegGround black pepper
- 1 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil

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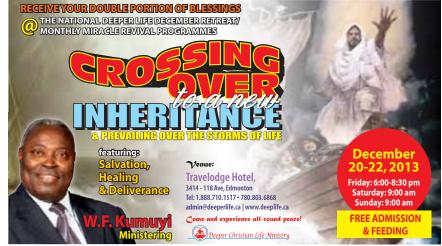
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This TV up-converts HD video into 4K resolution, which is handy since true 4K content is quite limited. Gamers will love the feature that allows two-player games with no split

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Electronics are one of the most popular holiday gifts. Don't disappoint by giving someone outdated tech. Here are some of the hottest gadgets to help you wrap up your holiday shopping.

iPad Air — \$519 and up

#### iPad Air - \$519 and up

A new iPad that is as light as air. Weighing only 0.45 kilograms (one pound), this latest tablet from Apple features a thinner design, smaller bezel and incredibly fast processing power. With almost half a million apps available this really is a gift anyone can enjoy.

#### FitBit Force — \$129.99

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#### Samsung Galaxy Note 3 - \$699 (no contract)

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# Give her glowing holiday glam



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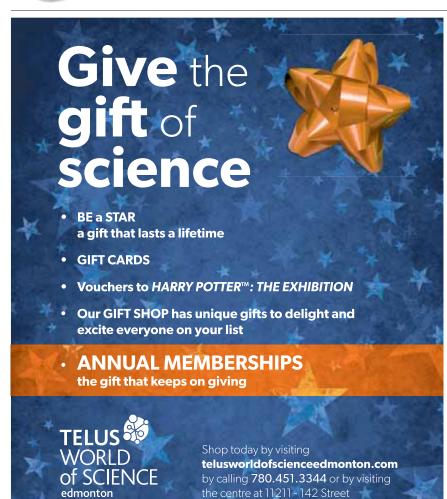
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# Gift baskets can help teach spirit of giving

Michael Smith wants his children to understand that the Christmas season is about using their time and talent to bring joy to others.

The Canadian chef has been assembling baskets of mainly foodie gifts to give to close family members and friends for about a decade, and putting them together has evolved into an activity that he and his children enjoy together.

"I think the spirit of these baskets is teaching your kids that giving is more important than receiving," he said in a telephone interview from Fortune, P.E.I. "I know that's where the whole idea started for me was years ago, just frustrated with all the stuff flowing one way into the house for the kids and not necessarily feeling like they were engaged with the giving side of things and really trying to figure out a way for them to create a tradition."

Making a basket for someone you care about is personal and perhaps easier in some ways than braving the shops. It can be tailored to the person and your economic situation and need not be expen-

Smith puts six to eight items in each basket and makes up about 25 of them for close friends and family, then delivers them just before Christmas

"Anybody can go out and spend 100 bucks and buy some fancy new cookbook or something for your kitchen or some nameless whatever, some anonymous sort of gift — maybe it's special, maybe it's well thought out, but you know what I mean," he said.

"There's nothing more precious than giving your time, than giving your talent."

Smith will be seen as a judge on Chopped Canada,

#### Personal touch

"Keep it simple and really understand that first and foremost you're giving yourself and you're giving your time and it doesn't need to meet that sort of over-the-top standard of Martha Stewart or the pictures you see in the magazines."

Chef Michael Smith

premiering on Food Network Canada Jan. 2, and currently hosts the instructional cooking series Chef Michael's Kitchen. He has also hosted The Inn Chef, Chef at Home, Chef at Large and Chef Abroad, so it's not surprising that his baskets take on a food theme, but he says they can be tailored to the interests of the giver or recipient.

Each basket always contains a handmade ornament created by him and his children. Gabe, 11, and Ariella, 5, play an active role, and Smith expects one-year-old Camille will take part in the future.

They often use different coloured clays and bake them into shapes, such as snowmen, wreaths or Christmas trees. Last year it was a small box gift-wrapped with ribbons.

"We know we have friends who can look at their tree and see six, seven, eight years worth of ornaments that the kids have made for them. It's pretty cool."

"I also like to include what I call the foodie find," says Smith, who led the team of chefs that cooked at the Whistler athletes village during the 2010 Vancouver Olympic Games and helped make the Canada Summer Games athletes village a junk-foodfree zone.

"Over the run of the year I run into a lot of really cool food items and some of them really stick out and are so good that I really feel like sharing them with my friends."

This year he has chosen Cherry Lane concentrated tart cherry juice from Ontario's Niagara region. A personalized dark chocolate bar sprinkled with sea salt and nicknamed The Islander is a nod to Smith's role as food ambassador for P.E.I. will be included.

"And then outside the world of food I like to do a gag gift in there every year, something silly. This year it's actually going to be candy insects. We found earlier this year a company that sells five different cans of canned insect protein, like a can full of crickets sort of thing. Totally edible, totally legit."

For anyone contemplating making up gift baskets, Smith recommends visiting a craft store for inexpensive baskets, fun labels and other decorations

"Keep it simple and really understand that first and foremost you're giving yourself and you're giving your time and it doesn't need to meet that sort of over-the-top standard of Martha Stewart or the pictures you see in the magazines," he said.

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# Gather all ye around a video game







Video games continue to be a hot holiday gift for both young and old. Here are some of the top titles for all ages this holiday season.

#### The Last of Us — PS3

This character-driven action adventure is easily one of the best games for the Playstation 3 this year. A virus spreads across the U.S., turning the population into deadly abominations. An unlikely duo must make their way across a post-pandemic U.S. in the unlikely hope of bringing it all to an end. While the game is amazing, the language and fright factor means mature gamers only.

#### Beyond: Two Souls — PS3

An incredible psychological action-thriller featuring the voices of Canada's own Ellen Page, along with William Dafoe. A young women possesses supernatural powers through a psychic link to an invisible entity. This game



is completely different from any other on the market. Features incredible storytelling, playing out more as a movie than an action game.

#### Grand Theft Auto 5 — Xbox 360, PS3

Take on the role of three criminals in the latest instalment of this controversial franchise. GTA 5 features one of the largest and diverse open worlds to discover. Fight rival street gangs, pull off dramatic heists or simply explore the vast city of Los Santos. This groundbreaking series is filled with violence

and coarse language so don't even consider purchasing this for youngsters. Mature gamers only.

#### Super Mario 3D World — Wii U

The perfect game to play as a family. Super Mario 3D World is the first 3D Mario platformer for Nintendo's Wii U console. Play as Mario, Luigi, Princess Peach or Toad as you overcome wildly creative obstacles. Get ready for new power-ups like the cat suit and, of course, new neverseen-before enemies like sand Goombas.



Far Cry 3 — Xbox 360, PS3
Stranded in a tropical paradise and fighting to survive,
Far Cry 3 brings incredible game play with one of the most memorable villains. Explore an island full of secrets and use the environment to craft items and weapons to

#### Assassin's Creed IV: Black Flag — Multiple consoles

help you survive.

Take the helm of your ship and live the life of a pirate. Explore open waters and dive for treasure in this historical action-adventure featuring many figures from the golden age of piracy. This franchise has been a favourite, and the latest instalment looks absolutely gorgeous.

#### Batman Arkham Origins — Xbox 360, PS3

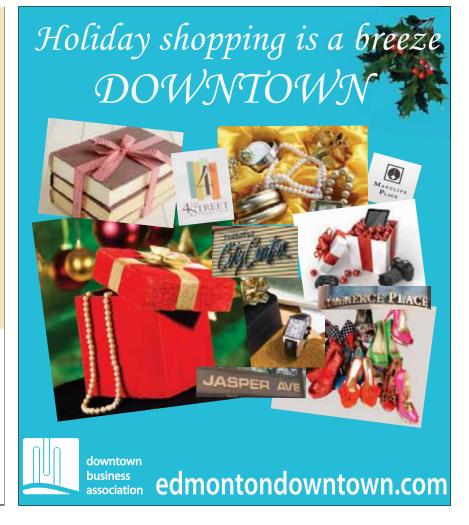
Taking place before the rise of Gotham's most dangerous villains and assassins, this game features a young Batman still in the early stages of his career as a crime fighter. This title introduces the notorious villains Batman will find himself fighting for years to come. A must-have for comic book lovers on your list.



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Go green with your wrapping this season. SYDA PRODUCTIONS/SHUTTERSTOCK

# Green for the season. Wrapping with scrap



Feeling eco-minded about your festive gift wrap? No one likes to see all that expensive paper filling up the trash.

So go green this season and try some of these ideas, compiled with the help of Torontobased eco crafts expert Mona Dhanjal, and wrap with scrap.

- Turn an old book into a fancy reusable gift box by carving out the pages with a utility knife. Then line it with felt and glue on some old holiday cards.
- Glue old photos or postcards to bags, boxes or paper to make unique wrap or gift tags with a personal touch. Trim with fancy edges using pinking shears.
- Paint an old suitcase festive colours, glue on travel stickers or a festive scene cut out of old holiday wrap or cards, and tie on a shipping tag and a big red bow. Fill it with hard-to-wrap gifts. Doubles as perfect storage for holiday ornaments.
- Turn leftover wallpaper into beautiful origami boxes. You can get easy instructions online.
- Bits of felt can be used to make gift tags or little pouches and envelopes.
- Wrap in burlap. It's biodegradable, it looks great and it's reusable.
- Sew or knit a handy reusable

#### More tips

- Recycle gift tags from year to year.
- Raffia or string looks just as pretty as ribbon.
- Eliminate tape if you are going to recycle paper.

tote bag from bits of cloth with holiday designs, velvet and lace.

- Fill a pretty wicker basket with gift items and dress it up with a bow no need to
- Instead of holiday gift wrap, wrap using other scrap paper such as old magazines, sheet music, maps or calendars.
- Embellish gifts with items found in nature, like berry sprigs, pinecones, or springs of greenery.
- Wire miniature orphaned ornaments and beads together to add luxe to a simple gift tag.
- Crumple, iron and pleat used tissue paper, then layer it on gift boxes or bags.
- Wrap a gift in a holiday scarf or a cloth napkin, which can be used later to line a bread basket on a holiday table.
- Get the kids to decorate white or brown kraft paper with stamps, stickers or holiday themed cut-outs from old gift cards or wrap. Or create artwork to use as wrap.

# Pets shouldn't be surprise gifts



If you are thinking about giving a pet to someone this holiday season, it's best if it isn't a surprise. Whether you plan to adopt from a rescue group or shelter or buy from a breeder or pet store, the general guidelines are the same.

"We do adopt out dogs and

cats successfully during our annual Home for the Holidays program, but we don't allow them to be adopted as surprise gifts," said Sandra Flemming, the director of animal care for the Nova Scotia SPCA.

Before an animal can be adopted from the SPCA during the holidays, everyone who lives in the home must confirm that they are on board — it can't even be a

surprise for the kids.

Getting the entire family's consent lowers the chances that the animal will be returned to the shelter because someone is allergic or afraid of it. It also means the adopters will have discussed up front whether they can afford a pet and have the time and energy to take care of it.

For those who know a friend or relative who wants

to adopt an SPCA animal, a gift certificate is ideal.

"It allows the person to choose their own pet when the time is right," Flemming said.

One of the most important things to decide is which type of animal will suit your lifestyle.

"Cats and kittens are less work for busy people than dogs and puppies," Flemming



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# GIFTS OF HOPE: WHEN GIVING IS RECEIVING

Two years ago, Ginger and Scott McClelland decided to see if they could make Christmas a little bit more about giving than receiving. After going through a Gifts of Hope catalogue they had received in the mail, the Ottawa couple chose baby chicks to give to all of their grandchildren.

Gifts of Hope are ethical gifts, which means they give twice — here and abroad. Ginger and Scott felt these gifts were the perfect way to introduce a special kind of holiday giving to their grandchildren. Once the four children, who ranged in age from 10 to 14, had opened the gift card with the picture of a fluffy baby chick on the front, Ginger and Scott explained how the chicks would help support a family in Africa.

"And the kids got very excited very quickly about the gift," Ginger says. "The youngest, Emma, even sent a letter to Santa Claus asking him to make sure the gift got to the family on time."

But the best part of the story was yet to come.

When Christmas came around the following year, the adults in the family agreed that they would exchange Gifts of Hope. However, during the gift exchange the really big surprise was that the four kids had decided that they would exchange Gifts of Hope with each other as well.

"All in all, I think we gave 12 Gifts of Hope, ranging from newborn checkup and a bed net to chicks, a goat, three hens and a rooster," Ginger says. "Our gift to each other was literacy training for two women.

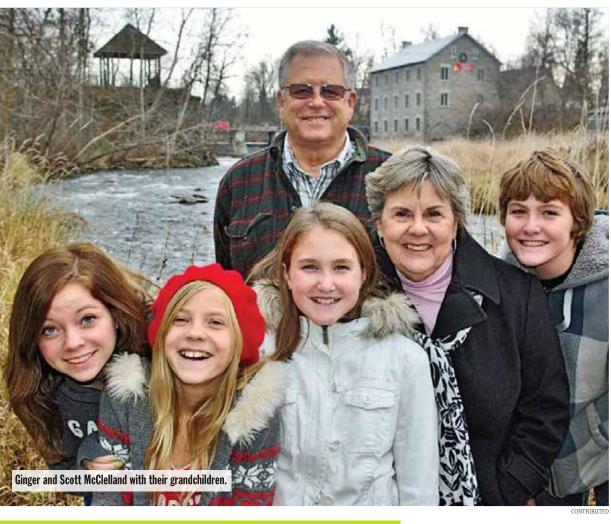
"Sometimes you look at what happens at Christmas and think 'we may be missing the whole point," Scott says.
"But it was a very emotional and special Christmas last year, and I was incredibly proud of my family."

Gifts of Hope provided everyone in the McClelland family a wonderful way to help make someone else's life a little better and to feel good about it.

"Gifts of Hope really are a unique giftgiving opportunity," says Sangita Patel, director of program management at Plan Canada.

"For people who purchase a gift, it's a way to give a socially conscious gift and to avoid crowded malls. For the recipient, the gift is contributing to important work overseas. For the children of the community that receives the gift, it's about changing and improving their lives."

Plan Canada is one of the world's old-



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In all, there are 42 Gifts of Hope to choose from, ranging in price from \$10 to \$50,000. Every gift comes with a free greeting card or e-card, and 26 of the gifts are matched by government, foundation or organizational partners. Here are some examples:

- Bed nets, \$10 (matched for a \$70 value)
- School essentials for one child, \$17 (matched for a \$119 value)
- Birth certificate, \$25 (matched for \$125 value)

- Newborn checkup, \$30 (matched for a \$120 value)
- Clean water for families, \$75 (matched for \$225 value)
- Literacy training for two women, \$120 (matched for \$600 value)
- Farm load of animals, \$190 (matched for a \$760 value)
- Help orphaned children affected by HIV, \$75 (matched for a \$1,200 value)

To see more Gifts of Hope or to place an order, visit plangifts.com or call 1-800-387-1418.

est and largest international development agencies. Founded in 1937, it works in 69 countries and more than 90,000 communities around the world. Gifts of Hope is Plan Canada's increasingly popular year-round ethical giving program, especially popular during the holiday period.

For parents — and grandparents like the McClellands — a Gift of Hope is a

great tool to very gently and in a positive way expose children to what life is like for other children in other places, Patel says.

"They provide such a nice teachable moment for kids amidst the holiday rush."

Gifts of Hope support Plan Canada programs in the areas of education, health, clean water, and livelihoods.

Fifteen of the gifts are also designated as "Because I am a Girl" gifts, which go to support the work Plan does that directly benefits girls and women.

"These gifts help to unleash the power of girls and women to create a brighter, safer future for girls in the developing world," Patel says.

Gifts suit any budget, ranging in price from \$10 for anti-malaria bed nets to \$75 for a goat to \$1,000 for water and sanitation for communities. Sometimes the dollar value of the gift is matched by a government, foundation or corporate partner for even more impact.

"It's a great way to show care for what's happening in other places," Patel says. "And to show children how one gift can make lives better for other kids and families."

One of the McClelland's grandchildren, Ben, 14, says that the Gift of Hope chicks seemed "kind of weird" at first.

"But after I learned more about it, it felt like you could really help other people, and it was nice to be giving something rather than always just getting a lot."





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# Head coach of women's national team resigns

**Hockey.** Dan Church says there wasn't confidence in him leading the squad to another Olympic gold

Dan Church abruptly stepped down as head coach of the Canadian women's hockey team saying he felt others lacked confidence in his ability to win a gold medal at the Winter Olympics.

Church resigned from the job Thursday less than two months before the opening ceremonies of the Winter

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"This decision came upon us in the last few hours and we're going to react as quickly as possible."

Hockey Canada's chief operating officer Scott Smith

Games in Sochi, Russia.

"If there isn't confidence in what I'm doing, I need to step aside and let the team move on," Church told The Canadian Press in a phone interview. "I'm heartbroken, to be honest, about the whole situation."

He did not specify whether it was players or Hockey Canada management who questioned his competence. "Just discussions I'd had over the last few days made that apparent, in some meetings I'd had with leadership," Church said. "I think it was just difference of opinion on the direction we were headed.

"In the end, I just decided if I'm getting in the way of where the team needs to go, I need to step aside and let them continue on in the process." The move was a bombshell as the 21-player Olympic team was expected to be announced before the end of December. The Canadian women will attempt to win a fourth straight gold medal in Sochi after victories in 2002, 2006 and 2010.

Canada is coming off a loss in the final of this year's world championship to the U.S.

The Canadian women have been training full time in Calgary since August in preparation for the Olympics. Canada was riding a three-game winning streak against archrival U.S. heading into Thursday night's game between the two countries in Calgary.

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#### NHL

### Feaster out as GM in Calgary

The Calgary Flames shook up their front office Thursday after a disappointing start to the season, firing general manager Jay Feaster and assistant general manager John Weisbrod.

The Flames have just 26 points this season, good for 13th place in the 14-team Western Conference.

Brian Burke, the team's president of hockey operations, will serve as acting general manager. He said the search for Feaster's replacement is underway.

Burke felt the moves needed to be made to get the franchise back on track as it tries to pursue a championship.

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#### MLB

### Chamberlain joining Tigers

Joba Chamberlain and the Tigers have agreed to terms on a one-year contract, according to a person familiar with the negotiations.

Chamberlain will get a fresh start in Detroit in a relatively low-pressure role as a middle reliever.

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#### MLB

### Red Sox open coffer for Napoli

The Boston Red Sox finalized their two-year deal with first baseman Mike Napoli on Thursday, bringing back one of the biggest hitters from the World Series team.

Napoli will earn \$32 million through 2015.

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# Bills point finger at unfair scheduling

#### Against the refreshed.

Buffalo is 2-3 against teams who've had long rests this season

The Bills aren't impressed with the NFL schedule-maker, who is being blamed for providing Buffalo's opponents with too many breaks — the extended kind.

The Bills' slate this season has them facing a league-high six teams coming off either bye weeks or nine-day layoffs. That includes the New York Jets twice, as well as Buffalo's opponent on Sunday: Jacksonville (4-9) has been off since Dec. 5.

Coach Doug Marrone called that a disadvantage because "the one thing that helps you the most is rest."

Bills president Russ Brandon has expressed his concerns to the NFL.

"We certainly have talked



to the league about this because it's a little bit disappointing," Brandon said during his weekly radio show on Buffalo's WGR-AM last month.

The Bills couldn't even en-

tirely take advantage of their own bye week on Nov. 24.

They returned the following week to face Atlanta, which was coming off a nine-day rest. And the warmwather Falcons, who won 34-31 in overtime, also benefited from getting to play indoors in the Bills' annual "home" game in Toronto, and avoid the wintry conditions in Buffalo.

The Bills (4-9) are 2-3 so far in games against teams that have enjoyed extended rests. And they were 1-3 last year, the first season in which the NFL instituted a rule to have each of its 32 teams play on Thursday.

The overall NFL results, however, have been mixed, failing to entirely support the Bills' claim of the more-rested opponent getting an edge. Since the start of 2012, teams facing rested opponents have gone a combined 62-64-2, according to STATS.

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CFL

# Lions find defensive co-ordinator from within ranks

The B.C. Lions have named Mark Washington as their new defensive co-ordinator.

Washington has served as the Lions' secondary coach since 2008 after retiring as a player.

"Mark is one of our league's best young coaches and I am very excited to have him accept the position of defensive coordinator," Lions coach Mike Benevides said in a statement. "He's a leader, a winner and he's demonstrated that he is more than ready for this next step in his coaching career."

Washington joined the Lions as a free-agent defensive back in 2003. He spent five seasons with the Lions, winning a Grey Cup with the team in 2006. He started his CFL career in Montreal in 1997, where he played for six seasons and won a Grey Cup in 2002

He began his pro career with the Barcelona Dragons of NFL Europa, where he helped his team to the 1997 World Bowl.

"We have a lot of talented players on this side of the ball and I expect great things from them in 2014," Washington said in a statement. THE CANADIAN PRESS

There was a mistake in our December 11 & 12, 2013 ads that appeared in the Metro Edmonton. The correct number and distribution of prizes in the short form contest rules is as follows:

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See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

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#### T Aries March 21 - April 20

A decision you made a long time ago doesn't seem like a great idea now but you're stuck with it. Make the best of the situation and promise yourself you won't be so hasty in future.

#### **Taurus**

#### April 21 - May 21

Expect your workload to increase a lot over the next 24 hours. That may not sound like good news but at least it shows that important people trust you to get the job done.

#### II Gemini May 22 - June 21

It may seem to others that you never lack confidence but that's not true and as the Sun moves through your opposite sign there will be times of self-doubt. Bite back — hard.

#### **9** Cancer

#### June 22 - July 23

You will get what you deserve today: no more and no less. Jupiter in your sign links with Saturn in a way that guarantees you get out of life in direct proportion to what you've put in. And you've put in a lot.

#### $\mathbf{\Omega}$ Leo

#### July 24 - Aug. 23

You may have to do something that makes you unpopular today but that won't worry you. You know there are times when you have to put duty before pleasure and this is clearly one of them. Do it well.

#### **W** Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Saturn may be casting a cloud over money matters but you can still have fun. Besides, if you keep a tight hold of the purse strings now you will have more to spend over the holiday period and party season.

#### **△** Libra

#### Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Don't over-extend yourself at work or your energy may take a nose-dive early next week. Today's Jupiter-Saturn link will help you to persuade others to do things for you.

#### M Scorpio

#### Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

According to the planets you will do better, both financially and emotionally, if you open up and let friends and family members know how you feel and what it is you need.

#### **プ Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Why is it that people are so demanding? Most likely it's because they know you are too nice to say "no". At some stage today you need to get tough and let certain people know they have to do more.

#### り Capricorn

#### Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Your frustration may get the better of you and you will say or do something that gets you noticed for the wrong reason. At least others will be aware that you're not afraid to hit back at provocation.

#### Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Accept that you won't get things your way all the time, especially at work where some people seem to take a delight in being unreasonable. It's only a passing phase.

#### H Pisces

#### Feb. 20 - March 20

Jupiter and Saturn link across the most favourable angles of your chart today and the most likely outcome is that you will be rewarded for services you have done for others in the past. **SALLY BROMPTON** 

#### **Crossword: Canada Across and Down**

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